

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MICHAEL A. HUNTER,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of  
Social Security,

Defendant.

Case No. C12-471-RAJ-JPD

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

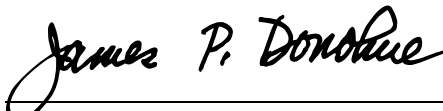
Plaintiff brought this action to seek judicial review of the denial of his application for disability benefits by the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. Dkt. 3. The parties have stipulated that this case should be reversed and remanded for further administrative proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Dkt. 19.

Based on the stipulation of the parties, the Court recommends that this case be REVERSED and REMANDED for further administrative proceedings before an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”). On remand, the ALJ shall evaluate plaintiff’s impairments, and if necessary, obtain updated medical evidence, including a mental status examination with a mental residual functional capacity assessment. The ALJ shall give further consideration to plaintiff’s exact remaining capabilities and obtain supplemental vocational expert evidence to determine the

1 effects of plaintiff's work-related limitations on the occupational base. If the ALJ finds plaintiff  
2 disabled, and also finds evidence of any substance abuse, the ALJ shall conduct further  
3 proceedings, as required, to determine whether any substance abuse is a contributing factor  
4 material to the determination of disability. Plaintiff may appear and testify at a supplemental  
5 hearing, and submit additional evidence and arguments. Finally, the parties stipulate that those  
6 aspects of the ALJ's prior decision not specifically addressed here are not being affirmed by the  
7 Court.

8 A proposed order accompanies this Report and Recommendation.

9 DATED this 20th day of August, 2012.

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13 United States Magistrate Judge  
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